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The Binding of Shadows

A Luciferian Banishing Ritual

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In silence, close your eyes and envision a large amount of energy rising up from within you. The slow breathing technique, as described by Tantrics described a slow rise of astral energy to form a shield and to clear the mind of thoughts other than the goals of the rite you will conduct.

The rite as described by Coven Nachttoter is based within the gathering of shadows, the elementals formed in magickal workings to protect the physical and spiritual body from attack. This technique may be used to also clear the mind for the purpose of relaxation. The shadows, the same of familiars are some part related to the dead, they may be long forgotten shades which are attracted to the spiritual activity of your own magickal work. They have since lost consciousness and the concept of "I", thus proving useful in workings of magick.

Summon them with blood and bones, sexual energy and the will sharp and focused. They will respond and prove useful guardians while in the astral plane. They feed from our lifeforce just as we absorb from the sacred Opfer. Never mind harm, they do not seem to draw enough lifeforce to cause any alarm of challenge. These shades, if made malicious by destructive black magick, may cause considerable harm to the intended victim, or even seek havoc upon the caster. Be cautious. It is however mostly a chore to create and empower such elementals that one would be focused for an extended period of time to create such beings.

A traditional banishing ritual proves useful as it allows complete control and cleansing of the individual who performs it. It also, just as anything within magick, must mean something to the one performing it. This banishing ritual allows passage from shades into our orbit if you will, while banishing unwanted mental aggravations or unwanted selfcreated or imposed spiritual hindrances. It is also essential to perform at the beginning and end the each rite, allowing the proper closing in such ceremony.

I. The Banishing

Facing the altar, located in the East, take the athame and make the sign of an invoking pentagram, averse and envision a light emerge from the center of your being.

"By the light of Lucifer, born of my desire for the attainment of becoming, open the gates of the dead to protect my very being spirit and flesh. Noctifer observe!"

Touch the forehead and recite:

"Ateh" (unto thee)

Facing the North, make the sign of the invoking pentagram averse, and envision the graves of the earth opening forth and encircling you, protecting you from all outside forms.

"By the light of Azazel, who brought to man and woman the knowledge of the serpent, attend my being in the protection of the kin of Witchblood!"

Touching the genitals recite:

"Malkuth" (the kingdom)

Facing the West, make the sign of the invoking pentagram averse, and envision the waters circling you, forming great tempests with serpents and dragons seeking to devour that which would attack you.

"By the call of Shemyaza may the hidden knowledge and protection be revealed. By the desire of my many forms shall be passed from the grave to life"

Touching the right shoulder, say ve-Geburah (and the Power)

Touching the left shoulder, say ve-Gedulah (and the Glory)

Facing the South, make the sign of the inverse pentagram, symbolizing the matter of the flesh and the psyche which allows the spirit - god to emerge.

"Baraqijal, allow the stars to align with my everlasting protection! May the dead hear my call!"

Face now the altar:

Before me Lucifer;
Behind me Shaitan;
On my right hand Belial;
On my left hand Leviathan;
For about me flames the Pentagram,
And in the Column stands the seven-rayed Star of BABALON!

II. The Circle of the Dead

Upon the altar a pre-created Nganga should be with you (creation of ngangas involves the use of human and animal bones-called a fetish spirit- your blood, sigil, grave soil and snake skin. This nganga will contain active fetish spirits related to the dead. You will use items of the dead which may bring shades or manes of the dead which will allow you to form from your own desire demon servitors of protection. One may fuse animal remains with human to form half beast elementals, or shades that prove useful in defense. Do not allow conversation of any kind with such created servitors, for that is the road of insanity.

Command and Will and allow no argument or discussion with such spirits.

Facing the nganga on the altar, take gravesoil and toss a small amount in the nganga. Take then the vial of blood (of your own blood, nothing else.) and pour a small amount on the skull of bones within the nganga.

Take the wand, encircling counter-clockwise and intone:

“I summon the mighty dead from the spaces of silence from which the grave cradles. I give you life by blood and by soil, by the essence of my being. Emerge from your sleep of death and encircle my being, protecting my body as I dream and walk the web of night. As Thanatos I require your service, for we are bound by the laws of death.”

The shade will feed from your astral body while you dream, giving it nourishment to perform the duties of its creation. I have found such shades are forced away from the body when you arrive back in the flesh.